Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the St. David’s Vestry
February 25, 2020

Vestry Attendance: Eric Malnassy, Martha Newton, Rex Hunt, Christine Burdell, Martha Salazar, Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Britton Gregory, Billy K. Thomson, Sarah Kapostasy, Linda Gebhard, Joy Harris Philpott, Alex Knapp, and Mary Rose

Also present were the Rector, Rev. Dr. Chuck Treadwell; Associate Rector, Rev. Katie Wright; Curate, Rev. Cameron Spoor; and Parish Administrator, Jim Lamm.

Senior Warden Eric Malnassy called the meeting to order and Fr. Chuck led the group through the first half of the Compline service.

The Vestry approved the minutes from the January 21, 2020 regular meeting and the January 26, 2020 special meeting.

Jim Lamm presented the report of the Finance Committee. Jim reviewed the preliminary January financials and reported a significant increase from last year in pledge payments received from January.

Jim reported that the church receives an electricity credit from the City of Austin for solar power and electric-car hookups. Going forward, the financial statements will show both the gross amount of the bill and the amount of the rebate to demonstrate the amount of savings. Jim also reported that Hospitality will be moving from Quick Books to ACS.

Next, Jim gave an update on the status of repairs to the garage and lobby elevator. Our vendor Precision should begin restriping the garage in the next few weeks. That project will take a week or two. Although we will lose 26 spaces, we do not expect a significant decrease in revenue because contract prices are going up. The cost of the repairs will be approximately $26,000.

At the end of 2019, we received a check for approximately $227,000 from our parking contractor Premier for 2018 revenue. We set aside some of that amount for repairs and the rest will be deposited into a reserve account for potential future tax liability.

The lobby elevator must be replaced. We obtained bids and selected ThyssenKrupp. Parts of the elevator must be removed and sent off to be rebuilt offsite. The project is currently projected to be completed by the end of August. The cost of the project will be approximately $250,000.

Eric presented the vestry with a resolution appointing members of the Grants Committee, members of the Warm Heart International Board of Directors, and members to the Board of the St. David’s Episcopal Church Foundation:
RESOLVED, that the Vestry hereby:

1. Appoints and approves the following members of the Grants Committee: Scott Hendrix and Jessica Chapin; and
2. Appoints and approves the following Directors of Warm Heart International: Cameron Spoor, Rebecca Knowe, Robby Vickery, James Tengatenga, Judy Jones, Robin Cooper, and Alice Travis; and
3. Appoints and approves the following members of the St. David’s Episcopal Church Foundation: Chris Gorychka, Kris Monson and Charles Moody.

Sarah moved to consider the resolution, and Rex seconded. The resolution passed.

Father Chuck presented the Rector’s Report. He first reported on his attendance at the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP) conference in Louisville, KY. The St. David’s staff members will meet this week to discuss the takeaways from the conference.

Next, Chuck gave a report on Diocesan Council. Chuck was elected as a Deputy to General Convention. Parishioner Anthony Chapple was elected to the Executive Committee. Bishop Doyle announced that over the next decade, the Diocese of Texas will commit $13 million to racial reconciliation projects. The initiative will include repairing the buildings of some historically black churches and providing scholarships for African-American seminary students.

Chuck reminded the vestry of the vestry retreat to be held from February 28-March 1 at the Tyrolia Estate outside of Waco. Because Sunday, March 1 is the First Sunday of Lent, Chuck and Katie will leave the retreat early to be present at church for the Better Together initiative. Cameron will lead the last retreat session on Sunday morning.

Eric explained that every vestry member is expected to be on one of the vestry’s standing committees. Christine volunteered to be in charge of the spreadsheet of committee membership lists.

Eric announced that the St. David’s annual Day of Service will be on May 2nd. The vestry will serve lunch to those who participated in the service projects. Cameron previewed some of the service projects that parishioners will participate in.

Sarah gave an update on the search for the new head of the St. David’s Day School. One candidate has come back for an in person meet-and-greet, and the search committee plans to meet with one additional candidate in person. They hope to make an offer to a candidate in the first half of March.

Mother Katie announced that she will be leading a group on a pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan from November 28-December 10, 2020.

Upcoming dates:
February 28-March 1 Vestry Retreat
March 11 Finance Committee Meeting
March 24 Vestry Meeting
May 2 Day of Service

Father Chuck led the vestry in Compline’s closing prayers, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Newton
Clerk